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Source's informant for the first four paragraphs of this report was Muhammad MASHID, the Mufti's driver. RASHID is from Shu'fat, Palestine. While in Beirut he stayed one night in Thrahim MABU-DAYYI's home and one night in source's. Source told RASHID not to talk to anyone except himself about the Mufti's activities.

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- 1. Source's informant states that he is almost certain that the Grand Mufti is cooperating with the Soviets. The Mufti's entourage of servants, clerks, advisers, etc., talk incessantly about their belief that the Mufti is on the side of the Soviets, and that "we must go over to the Soviets."
- 2. In Cairo, the Mufti quite regularly receives two or three foreigners between midnight and three a.m. These men sometimes enter the Mufti's house through the back door. At times they wear European dress and tarbush; at other times these same two or three men are dressed in Arab clothing, complete with kaffiyah. One of these men, according to source's informant, is the Soviet Ambassador in Cairo.

Source Comment: Source is inclined to disbelieve this last statement, being of the opinion that the person in question -- and perhaps the others -- is a Soviet agent.)

- Name were set the Moslem Brotherhood visit the Mufti -
  \* "especially its leader, who is very close to the Mufti. Maruf

  \*\* DAWALIBI\*s recent statements have caused quite a few members

  of the Moslem Brotherhood to become pro-Soviet.
  - The Mufti frequently goes out in disguise. Whenever he does not care to redeive callers -- which he is becoming more and more inclined to do -- he keeps would-be visitors away by telling them that he is ill.
  - 5. Source himself states that the Mufti always carries two gums, and that he is an excellent shot. Whenever he visits another Arab country he buys sleeping-rights in a large area surrounding the place publicly known to be his residence. He then, in order to avoid assassination, sleeps around in different places every night.